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What to Order at Morimoto at The Andaz Maui Resort in Wailea



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There is no shortage of great places to eat in the Wailea resort zone of **Maui**, especially not with a Fairmont, a Four Seasons, and a Waldorf-Astoria lined up next to each other.

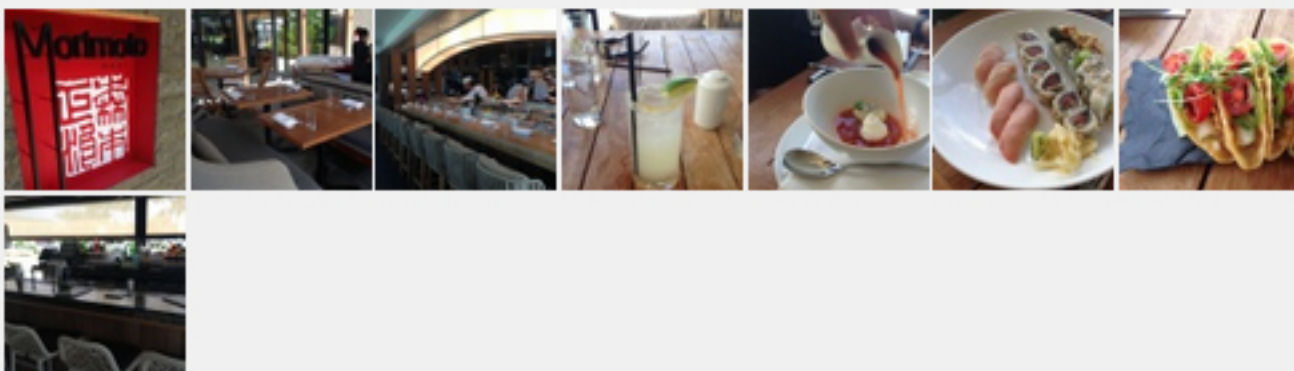
But skip a little further down past these resorts to the **Andaz Maui** and one of the best meals of your vacation will await you at **Morimoto**, the eponymous sushi restaurant from Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto.

The Andaz resort is pretty spectacular in itself, with about four different levels of public spaces, the first two which are pools and the second two which are restaurants, bars and lounge spaces. We'll have more on the Andaz and its rooms and spa shortly but today it's all about Morimoto.

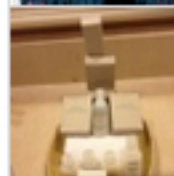
The restaurant is located at the bottom of Andaz Maui, overlooking the main pool and the beach. This means it's easy to access from Wailea's Coastal Walk, which runs along the water and which everyone staying in Wailea uses everyday. There is both indoor and outdoor seating at the Morimoto but this is Maui, of course, you are going to sit outside. (That said, the inside is a lovely modern take on island decor.)

Now here's what we ordered when we popped in for lunch during our own vacation the other month:

Gallery: **YUM. Morimoto Maui at the Andaz Maui in Wailea.**

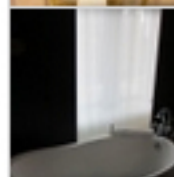


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- **Molokini Mule** (\$15), made with Ocean Vodka (which is actually made on Maui), yuzu, shochu and ginger beer. The first one was a little weak, but the second one really hit us hard.
- **Watermelon Gazpacho with Yuzu Sorbet** (\$13): Incredibly refreshing on a hot day.
- **Some sashimi and sushi**: We think any of these would be good but we stuck to our usuals such as Spicy Tuna (\$11), Shrimp Tempura (\$10) and Tuna sashimi (\$6.)
- **Hamachi Tacos** (\$16): We had our eyes on the Mori Cristo (\$19), essentially a sandwich tower made with yellowtail, avocado and spicy aioli but we feared we might not finish it. So instead with split the tacos with our companion. And we realized, we should have started off with this. The taco shells are actually deep-fried gyoza and it's topped not with salsa but nuoc cham, a spicy Vietnamese sauce. Swoon.



Service at the restaurant was incredibly friendly and knowledgeable. Our server actually steered us away from the Monte Cristo because she had seen how much we ate and said the tacos would be a better, lighter plate to split. Still, it was a good thing the Coastal Walking path was not far away as we pretty much rolled out of there. The only thing that felt light about us was our wallets. Those mules add up!

Morimoto is open for lunch from 11:30am to 2pm daily and from 5:30 to 9:30pm daily for dinner. You can also order sushi items from 2 to 5pm at the bar tucked at the back of the restaurant.

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